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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

U.S. Patent 4,509,062
U.S. Patent 5,409,134
U.S. Patent 5,600,358
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0020971
Japan 3-24900
Japan 6-183023
Japan 7-125240
Japan 7-125241

Japan 2001-310479
Japan 2002-103642

The foregoing Japanese documents were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 4,509,062 is an English language counterpart to Japan 3-24900; U.S. Patent 5,409,134 is an English language counterpart to Japan 7-125240; U.S. Patent 5,600,358 is an English language counterpart to Japan 7-125241; and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0020971 is an English language counterpart to Japan 2002-103642.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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